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July 26, 2013

Mr. Steve Upham
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County of St. Paul No. 19
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Dear Reeve Upham:

Further to the items discussed at this spring's Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties Convention and as an update to my letter of April 17, 2013, I would like to provide the following information.

The major function of the provincial network is to facilitate both regional and inter-regional trips. The traffic along Murphy Road (Range Road 50) is localized and supported by area highway collector roadways (Highways 646, 659 and Highway 897) that move traffic to the main arterial highways (Highways 41 and 28). For this reason, Alberta Transportation does not support the inclusion of Murphy Road into the existing provincial highway network at this time.

To receive the maximum approved funding for the Ashmont Water Treatment Plant, the county should continue to advance the project as per the approval and provincial funding would remain at the level of the approval. A separate application for the cost overages would then be submitted for a future approval based on actual project costs. Interim financing charges associated with this application would be considered an eligible project expense and would be subject to future program budgets.

If you have any further questions regarding these issues, please contact Mr. Michael Botros, Regional Director, by calling 780-305-2405, toll free by first dialing 310-0000 or by email at Michael.Botros@gov.ab.ca.

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I look forward to continuing to work with the county on these important issues.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Botros', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Michael Botros, P. Eng.
Regional Director

cc: Genia Leskiw, MLA Bonnyville-Cold Lake
Ed Rondeau, Reeve Municipal District of Bonnyville